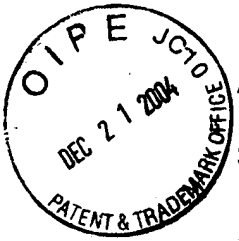


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The December 10, 2004 office action (the "Office Action") in this application¹ requested applicant to restrict to one of Group I (claims 1-4) and Group 2 (claims 5-8) and Group 3 (claims 9-12).

Applicants elects Group I, claims 1-4 with traverse on the basis that since all of the claims are limited to uses of a botulinum toxin a single search should suffice to search all the claims.

Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 5-12 without prejudice to further prosecution as a later date.

The Office Action also requested applicant to elect one of the species of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F or G


Applicants elect the species botulinum toxin type A. The claims which read on this elected species are claims 1-12, that is claims 1 to 12 all encompass use of a botulinum toxin type A.

Applicants elect the species botulinum toxin type A with traverse on the basis that is well known that:

"The botulinum toxins comprise a family of pharmacologically similar toxins that block acetylcholine release from peripheral nerves and cause a flaccid paralysis. All of the serotypes of toxin can poison humans and other animals..." Page 81, left hand side of Schantz, E.J., et al, *Properties and use of Botulinum toxin and Other Microbial Neurotoxins in Medicine*, Microbiol Rev. 56;80-99:1992 (copy enclosed).

All issues raised by the Office Action have been addressed. Examination and allowance of claims 1-4 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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